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Reporting Officer called on Quai d'Orsay American Desk Officer Madame Haulpetit-Fourichon and on Director for Latin American Affairs Raymond Cesaire for discussion of the questions raised in refair.

The Surinam-French Guiana Border

The dispute between France, which claims the border follows the Litanie River, and the Netherlands/Surinam, which claim the border follows the Marowini River, has not been legally resolved. Pending a definitive resolution, France continues to administer the territory.

The Current State of Play: A two-year negotiating effort between France and the Netherlands resulted, in April 1972, in a French proposal for a definitive settlement. Transmitted to The Hague in May 1972, the proposal received no action from the Netherlands; the French negotiators were told that the Dutch would prefer to let the Surinamese resolve the issue themselves, that the GON would recommend that the Surinamese accept the French draft (which effectively ratifies the status quo) and that future talks on the matter would have to be handled directly with Paramaribo. The Surinamese have told the French that they would like to regulate the problem prior to independence, but that they wish to renegotiate the question; GOF has asked for specific issues which the Surinamese might wish to discuss and has not yet received an answer.

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Paris A-280The Brazil-French Guiana Border

Extensive search of the Quai's records has failed to produce any copy of a treaty of delimitation of this border. The Quai believes that the question was resolved by a mixed Brazilian/French Commission in 1954-1959 and that pillars were placed along the border in 1962/1963 by joint Franco-Brazilian exploration parties.

The final report of the Mixed Commission's chairman, a French national, states that the following pillars have been emplaced in the Tumac-Humuc mountains:

Pillar 1: 2° 12' 36.8" N
54° 26' 10.3" W
altitude: 591.7 meters

Pillar 2: 2° 10' 44.6" N
54° 11' 18.7" W
altitude: 391.5 meters

Pillar 3: 2° 12' 30.1" N
53° 58' 18.6" W
altitude: 358 meters

Pillar 4: 2° 22' 16" N
53° 46' 18.3" W
altitude: 374.2 meters

While GOF does not believe it holds any further data on the subject, it is willing to make a documents search on request; Quai officers estimate that such a search would take up to six months.

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